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DIARY NOTES

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10 November 1960

1. At the special Deputies' Meeting this morning:

a. The Director gave us a brief report on the President's special Cabinet Meeting which was held yesterday. The President has designated [REDACTED] as the "coordinator" to work with the new Administration on transition problems. He will be assisted by [REDACTED]. While the President had in mind that representatives of the new Administration would probably sit in the various Agencies and become intimately familiar with their programs, he did not want this done in CIA. The Director, however, did not interpret this as a prohibition on briefing appropriate representatives of the new Administration in considerable detail and plans to go ahead with this. I was asked to see if a copy of the Brookings "Report on Transition" was available. (I learned from [REDACTED] that a series of memoranda had been prepared by Brookings and transmitted to [REDACTED] and Brad Patterson at the White House. Brookings did not feel that it would be appropriate for them to make any other dissemination. I advised Ting Sheldon of this who undertook to get in touch with [REDACTED].)

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b. The Director also said that the President had announced very firmly that he would not submit an unbalanced budget and that most of the Agencies were going to have to take drastic cuts. He asked me to look into this to see where we could accept cuts with the least damage. (I asked [REDACTED] to look into this.)

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c. The Director also asked me to have Larry Houston look into the question of whether the law made it mandatory for him and General Cabell to submit their resignations. (Events overtook this shortly thereafter when Mr. Kennedy called the Director and asked him to remain with the new Administration.)

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